



Methamphetamine Task Force

Meeting minutes

September 10, 2009

Summary

Methamphetamine Task Force Members Present (12):

Anthony Coulson, Chair (Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration)
Captain George Rodriguez (Tucson Metropolitan Counter Narcotics Alliance)
Carol Chicharello (AHCCCS, Tribal Relations Liaison)
Don Sherrard (Phoenix Police Department)
Jane Irvine (Director, Community Outreach and Education, Arizona Attorney General's Office)
Jennie Lagunas (Interagency Services Manager, Arizona Department of Health Services)
Kathy Rice (Prevention Education Specialist, Arizona Department of Education)
Lisa Vardian on behalf of Ron Dalrymple (Executive Director, Arizona Board of Technical Registration)
Rich Rosky (HIDTA Coordinator, NMCI Southwest Meth Initiative)
Steve Tyrrell (Program Manager, Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts)
Tony Vidale (Program Manager, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission)
Warren Koontz (Inter Tribal Council)

Members Absent (8):

Billie Grobe (Chief Probation Officer, Yavapai County)
Brant Benham (Narcotics and Organized Crime Bureau, Arizona Department of Public Safety)
Dean Wright (Compliance Officer, Arizona State Board of Pharmacy)
Hope McDonald Lonetree (Councilwoman, 20th Navajo Nation Council)
John Dempsey (Chief Administrator, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections)
Mark Ewy (Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinator, Arizona Department of Economic Security)
Scott Cocuzza (Business and Community Member)
Sylvia Homer (Colorado River Indian Tribe Methamphetamine Coalition)

Public members (12):

Angela Baldasare (Pima Prevention Partnership)
Bob Irish (Board of Technical Registration)
Briana Kreibich (GOCYF – Division for Substance Abuse Policy)
David Choate (Arizona State University)
Emily Winans (GOCYF- Division for Substance Abuse Policy)
Jim Copple (Strategic Applications International)
Kathleen Robinson (GOCYF- Division for Substance Abuse Policy)
Leticia Mendoza (GOCYF – Division for Substance Abuse Policy)
Manuel Maltos (Board of Technical Registration)
Melissa Lempke (GOCYF – Division for Substance Abuse Policy)
Sonya Pierce- Johnson (GOCYF- Division for Substance Abuse Policy)
Wyn Hornbuckle (United States Attorney's Office)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Anthony Coulson called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Coulson welcomed and praised members for the ongoing efforts of the working groups. Mr. Coulson noted several membership changes among committee membership and requested for members and the public to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF 2-25-09 MINUTES

Mr. Coulson called members attention to the minutes. Members reviewed the minutes; Mr. Kontz motioned to approve minutes as written, Mr. Rosky second. The motion was carried with no objections.

OVERVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Coulson referred to Mr. Copple to lead an overview of the progress of the Meth Task Force recommendations. Mr. Copple discussed the seven priority recommendations and highlighted some of the outcomes achieved thus far. Mr. Copple stated that at the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership meeting, it was discussed that it is unlikely the Governor's Office will introduce new legislation in the upcoming session due to the budget. Therefore the Task Force will relay on support from the Attorney Generals Office to move forward some of the legislation around methamphetamine lab remediation and drug endangered children. Mr. Copple asks members what strategies they will focus on to ensure completion of the recommendations.

Ms. Kreibich notes it will be important to support local communities in their efforts to pass ordinances around monitoring pseudoephedrine. She will work with members to provide training to communities on the emerging trend of smurfing, and how they can combat this at the local level.

Mr. Rosky stated he has met with the Attorney General's Office regarding the needed legislation to combat smurfing. Based on conversations, it is thought the next step for Arizona is to require all pharmacies to report into the current monitoring system. He notes that several states with monitoring programs are looking to further enhance their response to smurfing by requiring a prescription for the purchase of pseudoephedrine.

Mr. Coulson mentioned in an effort to enhance enforcement efforts with Tribal communities; task force members will work with the United States Attorney's Office to host roundtable discussion with Tribal Leadership on enforcement issues. Mr. Coulson asks Mr. Koontz if his organization would be able to help facilitation the roundtable discussions. Mr. Kontz said the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona will be able to partner on this project. In addition, Mr. Coulson notes that the task force will need to link efforts dealing with children of incarcerated parents, to the current work around Drug Endangered Children.

AARIN DATA

Mr. Coulson introduced David Choate with Arizona State University. Mr. Choate provided members and overview of the Arizona Arrestee Reporting Information Network (AARIN) in Maricopa County. Mr. Choate provided new quarterly AARIN data on methamphetamine. Please refer to the attached presentation for specific details.

ANTI- METHAMPHETAMINE COALITION UPDATE

Mr. Coulson introduced Angela Baldasare with Pima Prevention Partnership. Ms. Baldasare presented on the outcomes of the Anti-Methamphetamine Coalitions funded for three years by the Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention. Please refer to the attached presentation for specific details.

ACCESS TO RECOVERY GRANT

Ms. Pierce-Johnson provided an update on the progress of the Access to Recovery Grant (ATR). ATR has created treatment alternatives to incarceration by expanding services for methamphetamine treatment to five county drug courts individuals on probation, and members of the general public in Pima and Maricopa Counties. Arizona has reached and exceeded the number of clients served for year two of the grant cycle, totaling 502 clients.

In addition, the program has expanded and is serving members of the general public in Pima and Maricopa County through COPE Community Services. Ms. Pierce-Johnson notes that one of the goals of the program is to work with Faith-Based Organizations, and currently in Arizona roughly 25% of providers are Faith-Based.

Mr. Copple noted that it has taken time to get the Arizona ATR project up and running. However, the program is excelling and has received some good feedback from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Coulson thanked members, presenters, staff and Mr. Copple. Mr. Coulson announced the next meeting date as November 17, 2009 from 10am-12pm. He mentions to look for information from Ms. Kreibich on specific details.

OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Coulson asked if members had any other items or updates to discuss.

Ms. Vardian from the Board of Technical Registration noted her office is working with the Arizona Board of Realtors to update the sellers discloser form. The updated form would include information on whether a clandestine laboratory had been seized on the property, and if it has been remediated.

CALL TO PUBLIC

Mr. Coulson made a call to the public and there was no response.

ADJOURN

Chairman Coulson adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.